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Masaaki Nagatsu

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For: MICROWAVE PLASMA STERILIZING  
METHOD AND DEVICE

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Examiner: S. U. Kim

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 10 of this paper.